

Board of Supervisors Hearing Date: January 27, 2009; May 26, 2009
Case Summary: Conditional Use Permit No. 200700051-(5); Project No. R2004-00805-(5)

Project Appellant: Glenn R. Workman, member of the public

RPC Hearing Dates: May 21, 2008, July 9, 2008 and July 30, 2008
RPC Approval Date: July 30, 2008

Synopsis

This is an appeal, by interested parties, of the Regional Planning Commission's approval decision of July 30, 2008. The applicant, Sprint-Nextel, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to install a wireless telecommunications facility on an existing 17,961 square foot office building. The project consists of twelve (12) antennas and a GPS antenna mounted behind new six-foot high screens on the rooftop, with two (2) equipment cabinets and a wall-mounted Telco panel located on the ground. Eight (8) of the antennas are located at the lot's south (rear) side, and four (4) antennas are located at the north (front) side. The existing office building maintains a height of 42'-4" from the lowest part of lot grade to the building's parapet. The existing office building at the highest part of the lot's slope maintains a height of 27'-6". The subject property is located at 2540 Foothill Boulevard (APN 5810-001-033) along Foothill Boulevard at Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta. The subject property is zoned C-2-BE (Neighborhood Business Zone-Billboard Exclusion), La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District (CSD).

Conditional Use Permit

To authorize the installation of a wireless telecommunication facility consisting of twelve (12) antennas and a GPS antenna mounted behind new screens on the rooftop, with two (2) equipment cabinets and a wall-mounted Telco panel located on the ground.

Project Proponents

Three persons (three speakers) testified in favor of the project. General points raised in their supporting testimony were project benefits, including enhancement of area wireless telecommunication service while minimally impacting the surrounding community.

Project Opposition

Twelve persons (twelve speakers) were in opposition to the project. Three petitions and seventeen letters were also received in opposition. Concerns raised in testimony included possible health and aesthetic impacts of the proposed project.

Issues

- During the public hearings, the applicant's representative stated the need for project approval in order to enhance wireless telecommunication service in the area.
- Opponents questioned why the wireless telecommunication facility could not be co-located with an existing facility. Another concern was the visual impact of the proposed six (6) foot high screens on top of an existing 27'-6" to 42'-4" high building (sloping lot).

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